

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AMARILLO DIVISION

STATE OF TEXAS and KEN PAXTON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

2:24-CV-240-Z

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE, *et al.*,


Defendants.

NOTICE

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice (ECF No. 23), filed January 24, 2025. The document is a "stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared." FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). "Except in special circumstances . . . a voluntary order of dismissal requested by both parties is effective upon filing and does not require the approval of the court." *Ramming v. Nat. Gas Pipeline Co. of Am.*, 390 F.3d 366, 369 n.1 (5th Cir. 2004). Thus, an order of this Court "approving the dismissal is of no consequence." *Meinecke v. H & R Block of Hous.*, 66 F.3d 77, 82 (5th Cir. 1995); *see also Nat'l City Golf Fin. v. Scott*, 899 F.3d 412, 415–16 (5th Cir. 2018) ("A stipulation of dismissal . . . strips the district court of subject-matter jurisdiction."). The Court thus **DIRECTS** the United States District Clerk to close the case and, accordingly, Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 19) is **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

The Court issues notice accordingly.

January 27, 2025



MATTHEW J. KACSMARK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE